

less junk, it was learned here tonight. Two of the planes are now undergoing repairs here.

With the halt in field operations it was determined that none of the planes remaining in Mexico could be used, and all were burned. Capt. B. D. Foulis, commanding the first aero squadron, and his entire command, now on their way here from the field in motor cars to equip new planes for service.

American troops in the field are utilizing their time in the halt in operations in strengthening their positions. The line of communication, extending about 500 miles south of the border, also is being made more secure by the dispatch of additional forces from Columbus, a detachment of negro infantry going forward today. Gen. Pershing's army continued along the American line today. The expeditionary commander with his staff has established headquarters at Nantiquita, that he may be in close communication with Gen. H. L. Scott and Gen. Frederick Funston in San Antonio.

Messages from some of the advanced expeditionary columns were sent to Gen. Pershing today from the Mexican side. The line to Juarez, being relayed from there to Columbus and from there to Nantiquita by army messengers, thus traveling almost in a circle. The contents of these dispatches was not revealed here.

SINCLAIR LAUNCHES COMPANY.

Oil Concern to Issue \$50,000,000 Stock, \$200,000 Bonds.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 22.—Final organization of the \$50,000,000 oil refining company, with Harry F. Sinclair of Tulsa, Okla., at its head, will be completed in a few days, according to statements today by local capitalists interested in the new company.

It is understood the concern will engage in the producing as well as the refining business, keeping to itself a \$50,000,000 corporation in New York next week.

Purchases Beaver Company.

TULSA, Okla., April 22.—The Sinclair Oil Refining Company today purchased the Beaver Oil and Gas Company for \$750,000. It will be operated in connection with other independent concerns which will be amalgamated into a \$50,000,000 corporation in New York next week.

INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.

Case of Man Accused of Aiding Murder of Anti-Catholic Lecturer.

GALVESTON, Tex., April 22.—The trial of George Tier of Marshall, Tex., charged with complicity in the murder of William Black, anti-Catholic lecturer, in Marshall in February, 1915, has been postponed indefinitely. It was announced today. The case, which was held here last night, was brought to Galveston on a change of venue. Tier has been at liberty on a five-thousand-dollar bond.

ARMY RECRUITING GROWS.

Applications Since March 15 Show Small Percentage of Acceptances.

Since army recruiting began, March 15, of the 29,000 men authorized by Congress, 20,292 have applied and 4,899 were accepted, the War Department announced yesterday. Last week there were 3,575 applications, 772 of the applicants being accepted. San Francisco led with 406 applications and 84 acceptances; New York was second with 343 applications and 60 acceptances, and Chicago third with 273 and 60, respectively.

At Spokane there was the highest percentage of enlistments, four men applying and all being accepted.

TO PICK CHAIRMAN JUNE 1.

Mr. McCombs Says Democrats Will Make Selection at St. Louis.

NEW YORK, April 22.—The temporary chairman of the democratic national convention will be selected in St. Louis on or about June 1, William F. McCombs, chairman of the democratic national committee, announced today at a meeting there of the subcommittee on arrangements of the national committee.

IS MEMORIAL DAY ORATOR.

John Burke, treasurer of the United States, will be the Memorial day orator at the exercises to be held by the Spanish War Veterans of the District of Columbia in the Spanish war section in Arlington cemetery.

This was announced last night at a meeting of the department of the District of Columbia, S. W. V., held in Pythian Temple.

June 17 was set as the date of the annual encampment of the department. The sessions will be held in Pythian Temple. The annual encampment, held in 1915, commemorated the American victory at Santiago, Cuba, in the Spanish-American war. It was also arranged, will be held at Marshall Hall.

DEMOCRATS PICK PRESS MAN.

Frederick W. Steckman of Washington Chosen for Position.

Frederick W. Steckman, a Washington newspaper man of wide experience, has been appointed director of publicity for the democratic national committee for the coming campaign. This announcement was made yesterday by Chairman Fred B. Lynch of the joint finance and executive campaign committee of the national committee. Mr. Steckman will take up his duties immediately.

Mr. Steckman, as every one in the Washington newspaper fraternity calls him, is connected with the New Orleans States as a Washington correspondent, and also is a member of the Capitol staff of the Washington Post. He has been connected with the publicity department of the democratic national committee for several campaigns. He is a member of the National Press Club.

TO JOIN MOTHERS' CONGRESS.

Petworth Woman's Club Decides to Affiliate With Organization.

The Petworth Woman's Club is to affiliate with the Congress of Mothers. This was decided upon at a meeting of the club last night at the home of Mrs. S. W. Norton, 3510 8th street northwest.

In connection with this decision the club appointed Mrs. Alfred Marcroft as a delegate to the convention of the District Congress of Mothers to be held Saturday at the Raleigh Hotel.

The committee appointed a range for a banquet on the occasion of the annual meeting of the club in June, to include Mrs. Grace C. Thompson, Mrs. Ruth Roseberry and Mrs. Sidney Thompson. An entertainment committee, consisting of Mrs. Edna Adams, Mrs. Edna Adams and Mrs. Adams, also was selected.

OFFICER'S HEROISM

WILL PROVE FATAL

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OPERATION FOR SKULL INJURY NOT ADVISABLE

Victim of Accident Hurled Ten Feet by Fire Auto as He Steps in Its Path to Save Child.

Frank T. Ippolito, crossing policeman at 7th and F streets northwest, who yesterday morning was struck by the automobile of Andrew J. Sullivan, deputy chief of the fire department, operated by Private William Nash, and severely injured, is at Emergency Hospital, hovering between life and death. That his death is a question of only a short time last night, the statement made at the hospital last night.

Mrs. Ippolito, wife of the injured man, spent part of the night at the hospital and part with her children at the family home, 19 H street northeast. The distressed wife was told of the seriousness of her husband's condition and she was prepared for the worst.

Commissioner Brownlow, Chief Wagner and Maj. Pullman kept in close touch with police surgeons and surgeons connected with the hospital.

It was the statement of a number of witnesses that Ippolito was struck in the back and thrown forward and that the automobile struck him a second time before he went down. He was thrown a distance of fully ten feet, it was stated by some of the witnesses, and the apparatus of No. 14 engine company, where Deputy Chief Sullivan has his headquarters, followed the automobile to the corner, but passed around the umbrella stand of the crossing policeman, keeping to the right and reaching the fire without encountering any difficulty.

Two Departments Report.

Commissioner Brownlow, who has immediate supervision of the police department, and Maj. Pullman, superintendent of police, and Chief Wagner of the fire department, are taking an active part in a thorough investigation of the accident. Reports from Chief Wagner and Maj. Pullman were sent to Commissioner Brownlow's office yesterday afternoon, the former a brief report accompanied by Deputy Chief Sullivan's version of the occurrence, while the report of Maj. Pullman went into detail and contained the names of about thirty witnesses to the accident.

Many of the witnesses are in business in the vicinity of 7th and F streets, it is stated, and their pleasant personal relations with the fire department's automobile was going at what was termed an excessive rate of speed.

Estimates of Auto's Speed.

Several of the witnesses expressed the belief that the car was going at the rate of thirty miles an hour, while a number of them said the speed was at least twenty-five miles an hour. And, it is stated, all the witnesses agreed that the automobile "cut the corner," as the police term turning a corner on the wrong side. It was stated that the vehicle of No. 14 engine company, which followed the chief's automobile, rounded the umbrella stand of the crossing policeman and kept to the right.

What will be the outcome of the official investigation that is in progress cannot be stated at this time. The death of the injured crossing policeman would mean that the fire department hold an inquest and refer the question of responsibility to a jury of six men. In any event, it is stated, the fire department's automobile was going at what was termed an excessive rate of speed.

Under the traffic regulations, it is stated, vehicles of the fire department, police department and water department have the right of way, but there is nothing in the law which gives them the right to go beyond the legal rate. It was hinted last night that the Commissioners may decide to treat such vehicles as the hospital ambulances are treated—made at a speed of eight to ten miles an hour.

A section of the traffic regulations gives the vehicles of the fire and police departments the right of way over street cars, but it does not say that street cars shall stop upon approach of vehicles.

The Star Files Statement.

Statement of the ownership, management, circulation, etc., of The Evening Star, published daily, and the Sunday Star, published Sunday morning, at Washington, D. C., required by act of August 24, 1915.

Editor Theodore W. Noyes, Washington, D. C.; managing editor, Rudolph Kauffmann, Washington, D. C.; business manager, Fleming Newbold, Washington, D. C.; publisher, The Evening Star Newspaper Company, Frank B. Noyes, president; Joseph C. Kauffmann, vice president; Theodore W. Noyes and Frank B. Noyes, trustees for the heirs of the late Crockett S. Noyes; Frank A. Richardson, trustee for Mary B. Adams; Frank B. Noyes, Beale R. Howard, Rudolph Kauffmann, Grace Adams, Howard, Louis K. Simpson, Fleming Newbold, Victor Kauffmann, John Crayke Simpson, Theodore W. Noyes, Joseph C. Kauffmann, Noyes, Noyes, all addresses, Washington, D. C., except Miranda Noyes Boyd, Philadelphia, Pa.

Circulation Figures.

Known bondholders, mortgagees and other security holders, holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages or other securities, none.

Average number of copies of each issue of the publication sold or distributed through the mails or otherwise, to paid subscribers during the six months ended March 31, 1916.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of April, 1916.

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EIGHT LOCAL BILLS FAVORED IN REPORT

Representative Vinson, After His Curb of Speed Plan, Acts.

City Refuse Measure.

Following the abrupt halt of the speeding-up program for the House District committee legislation yesterday, when Representative Vinson's motion to adjourn put an end to the unanimous consent calendar plan for reporting out a large number of bills, the Judiciary subcommittee of the District committee, Representative Vinson, chairman, made a favorable report on eight bills, one of them being the municipal collection and disposal of city refuse.

This measure has been urged by the Commissioners by civic organizations and by individuals. Representative Vinson said after the meeting late yesterday that he would put his shoulder to the wheel and endeavor to get the bill through the House, after the full committee makes a favorable report. If this event takes place.

Intended for Quick Report.

The eight bills reported from the subcommittee were all a part of the program of thirty bills for quick report from the full committee, mentioned in Chairman Johnson's notice for a special meeting. They now go before the full committee for discussion and possible report.

The municipal refuse collection bill provides that the District government shall acquire a site for a disposal plant and get together the necessary plant and equipment ready for use July 1, 1918, at a total cost not to exceed \$85,300.

Other bills reported by the Judiciary subcommittee were: A bill to amend the Miller bill raising the speed limit of passenger automobiles to eighteen miles an hour. Trucks and business motors are kept at twelve miles.

The Johnson bill, introduced at the request of the Commissioners, provides for the cost of paving or repaving of a roadway between the side and center with any kind of fixed pavement, and the cost of the street property abutting the side of the street so improved.

To Require Bonds.

The bill to regulate the taking of cash rentals on contracts of the District of Columbia, it provides, that bonds to the District of Columbia shall be required of contractors in a sum not less than 25 per cent of the amount of the contract.

The Oglesby bill to prevent and punish the "desecration, mutilation or improper use within the District of Columbia of the flag of the United States," it prevents the use of the flag for advertising purposes.

The bill for the relief of James T. Patton, also two bills making amendments to the public utilities act.

Education Board's Duties.

Among these are the changes made to meet the criticism that the board of education has been left out of the original bill entirely. The new bill provides that the board of education, instead of the Commissioners, as outlined in the first bill, shall prescribe the curriculum for the schools, and the board of education shall be initiated in each school neighborhood.

The question of Sunday meetings in school buildings, under the proposed law, would be settled by the members of each neighborhood, to suit the needs of the neighborhood. After the board of education had made all arrangements for the meetings of forums, the members would be allowed the proper time for the meetings.

The new bill provides for pay for janitors' services and authorizes the board of education to estimate annually for the expenses incurred under the proposed act.

Vessel Sunk; Another Founders.

LONDON, April 22.—A Norwegian bark (name not given), says an Exchange Telegraph Company dispatch, was sunk by a German submarine. The crew was landed. The Norwegian steamship Aud, 1,102 tons gross, has foundered near Dantsk Rock. Her crew has arrived here.

Montenegrin Prince Is Ill.

GENEVA, April 22.—It is reported from Vienna that a consultation of doctors has been held in the case of Prince Mirko of Montenegro, who is now in a sanatorium at the Austrian capital. After the conference a medical bulletin was issued, stating that the prince was suffering from pulmonary trouble, with a rise in temperature, but that he was in no immediate danger.

Statement by Director.

NEW YORK, April 22.—A statement issued here today by the chairman of the Westinghouse board of directors said that between 13,000 and 14,000 men were out at the main plant of the company at East Pittsburgh. No formal demands had been made by the men, but it was understood, the statement said, that they would be paid an eight-hour day and an increase in wages also.

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Offered for Successful Canvassers in Membership Campaign.

Prizes will be given to the most successful canvassers in the campaign of the American Red Cross to enroll 1,000,000 members. Miss Lusit Leland of New